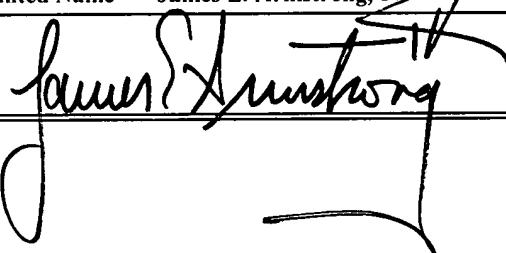


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		DATE: December 28, 2005
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. APPLN. NO. (if known): <b>10/562684</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: <b>PCT/JP04/017269</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: <b>November 19, 2004</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: <b>December 4, 2003</b>
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION: CUTTING TOOL</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Kiyonobu AGATA and Kozo AGATA</b>		
Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving-Office (RO/US)</li> </ul> </p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ul> </p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
<b>ITEMS 11. TO 16. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:</b>		
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 together with PTO-1449, 3 references and International Search Report.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. ASSIGNEE(s) NAME(s) AND ADDRESS: <u>KINKI KNIVES INDUSTRIES LTD., Moriguchi-shi, Japan</u>  <b>Please publish the assignee data with the application.</b></p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.  <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: 14 sheets of drawings</p>		

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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:		<u>CALCULATIONS</u>								
<b>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5):</b> . . . . . \$300.00		<b>\$ 300.00</b>								
<b>Search Fee - all other situations</b> . . . . . \$500.00										
<b>National Stage Search Fee - U.S. was the ISA</b> . . . . . \$100.00										
<b>National Stage Search Fee - search report prepared and provided to USPTO</b> . . . . . \$400.00		<b>\$ 400.00</b>								
<b>Examination Fee - all other situations</b> . . . . . \$200.00		<b>\$ 200.00</b>								
<b>National Stage Examination Fee - U.S. was IPEA and, all claims satisfy PCT Article 33(1)-(4)</b> . . . . . \$100.00										
<b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b>		<b>\$ 900.00</b>								
<p>Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). the fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Total Sheets</th> <th>Extra sheets</th> <th>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)</th> <th>RATE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>30 - 100 =</td> <td>/ 50 =</td> <td></td> <td>x \$250.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE	30 - 100 =	/ 50 =		x \$250.00
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Surcharge of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <u>20</u> <u>30</u> months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).										
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TOTAL	<b>17 -20 =</b>		X \$ 50.00							
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Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable)		+ \$360.00								
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>		<b>\$ 900.00</b>								
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<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>940.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. (This paper is filed in triplicate)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 01-2340 in the amount of \$ <u>  </u> to cover the above fees. (A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.)</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed to request that the application be restored to pending status.</p>		

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VERIFICATION OF A TRANSLATION 10/562684

I, the below named translator, hereby declare that:

My name and post office address are as stated below:

That I am knowledgeable in the English language and in the language in which the below identified international application was filed, and that I believe the English translation of the international application No. PCT/JP2004/017269 is a true and complete translation of the above identified international application as filed.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date

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